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MINING, METALLURGY REPORT INNOVATIONS

SOME MINES EXCEED PLANS, OTHERS FAIL -- Borba, No 120, 22 May 49

While certain mines are producing well in excess of their plans, others are falling consistently, mainly because of poor organization of work, poor discipline of workers, or unsatisfactory working and living conditions.

The Breza miners fulfilled their January plan 106 percent, February 108, March 101, and April 100. At the Zagorje mine the January plan was fulfilled 101 percent, February 100, March 105, and April 105. At the Senovo mine the January plan was fulfilled 103 percent, February 103, March 104, and April 105.

On the other hand, the January plan at the Vares mine was fulfilled only 80 percent, February 87, and March 89. At the Kreka mine, also, the plans were not fulfilled.

PIT REOPENED IN BOSNIAN COAL MINE -- Politika, No 13247, 26 Mar 49

A pit at the Petricevo coal mine in Sanja Luka Srez, Bosnia, which was flooded and abandoned in 1946, has been reopened. A transformer station, transport equipment, and a high-tension power line have been completed. The exploitation of this pit will contribute to increased production at the mine.

SLAG LINING FOR SMELTING FURNACES -- Politika, No 13248, 27 May 49

A worker in the electrometallurgical combine in Sibenik has discovered a new refractory material for lining the interior of smelting furnaces. The material previously used was obtained from coke and waste from electrodes, while the new material is obtained from slag.

The new material can withstand a temperature of 1,300 degrees Centigrade. It is practical, and is available in unlimited quantities. Its quality always remains the same, differing from coke and electrode waste material.

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ECONOMICAL MOLD FOR CASTING INVENTED -- Politika, No 13245, 23 May 49

A mold for casting iron, which has no upper section, has been made at the Vares mine and ironworks. The old mold was closed by means of a special part, while the new mold is open at the top. Waste from overflow is greatly reduced, so that 4.6 kilograms of iron are saved in every 100 kilograms cast.

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